

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a keyboard to enable text entry; and
a controller to detect when a processor-based system enters a text entry mode and in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode, moving a cursor to a pre-selected area on a display device ~~changing the mode of operation of a cursor to~~ avoid inadvertent interruption of text entry.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller prevents movement of the moved cursor while ~~in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller ~~reduces at least one of a movement and the~~ sensitivity of the cursor while text entry mode is detected ~~in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller ~~adjusts~~ moves the cursor in response to activation of a pre-selected key.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller restores the position of ~~adjusts~~ the moved cursor when ~~until~~ text entry is no longer detected.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller hides the cursor from view in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller ~~adjusts~~ moves the cursor of one of a trackball device, touch pad device, or mouse device.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller detects a selection of a designated key of said keyboard, and in response to said selection releases the moved cursor.

10. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
detecting the entry of a processor-based system into a text entry mode; and
~~adjusting~~ moving a cursor of a pointing device to a pre-selected area on a display in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode, the movement ~~said adjustment~~ of said cursor to reduce accidental interruption of text entry.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~moving~~ adjusting the cursor comprises moving the cursor to a pre-selected area of a graphical user interface.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~moving~~ adjusting the cursor comprises re-sizing the cursor ~~in response to detecting the selection of the at least one key.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~moving~~ adjusting the cursor comprises preventing the moved cursor from being repositioned while in text entry mode ~~moving.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~moving~~ adjusting the cursor comprises moving ~~adjusting~~ the cursor based on a selection of a pre-selected key.

Claims 15-16 (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) An article comprising one or more machine-readable storage media containing instructions that when executed enable a processor to:

~~configure an option to control a cursor of a pointing device, said control of said cursor to enable the text entry without accidental interference from said pointing device;~~

detect the entry into a text entry mode; and

~~control said~~ move a cursor of said a pointing device in response to detecting entry-key activation in into the text entry mode, said cursor to move to a pre-selected area on a display.

18. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to lock the moved cursor of the pointing device at [[a]] the selected position until text entry is no longer detected ~~in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode.~~

Claim 19 (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to resize the cursor of the pointing device to a selected size in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode.

21. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to adjust the sensitivity of the pointing device in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode.

22. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to ~~control~~ move the cursor of the pointing device based on the key activation of one or more pre-selected keys, the pre-selected key in close proximity to the pointing device.

Claims 23-25 (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a display device;

a pointing device having a cursor;

a keyboard having keys; and

a controller to detect entry into a text entry mode and to move the cursor ~~change the operation of the pointing device to a pre-selected area on the display-cursor~~ in response to detection of entry into the text entry mode, ~~the change in operation of the cursor movement~~ to enable text entry without unwanted input from said pointing device.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the keyboard comprises the pointing device and wherein the pointing device is at least one of a trackball device, mouse device, ~~and~~ or touch pad device.

Claim 28 (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the controller prevents the repositioned cursor from moving while in ~~response to detecting entry into~~ the text entry mode.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the controller restores the position of the moved ~~stops adjusting the~~ cursor of the pointing device if text entry has stopped.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the controller moves the cursor in response to activation of a key that is in close proximity to a pointing device that is integral with the keyboard and apart from the keys.

32. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein moving the cursor comprises moving the cursor to a predetermined position on a graphical toolbar.

33. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein detecting the entry of a processor-based system includes detecting a time interval.

34. (New) The method of claim 10 including restoring the moved cursor to a position on the display for text entry.

35. (New) The method of claim 10 including preventing the cursor from moving when designated keys are actuated.

36. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein preventing the cursor from moving includes preventing the cursor from moving when one of the shift key or control key is actuated.